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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:  
**Hiroki Okabe, Nobuhisa Takabayashi, and Mikiya Shimada**

For: **PRINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND PRINT MANAGEMENT METHOD**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 2003-099595, filed on April 2, 2003.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 44 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ 07 Sheets of Drawings (Formal)  
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of **\$40.00** enclosed)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)  
☐ Other:

**Claim For Foreign Priority**

- ☒ Priority based on Japanese Application No. 2003-099595, filed on April 2, 2003, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.  
☒ The certified copy is enclosed.  
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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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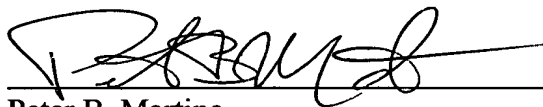
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ITECP013).

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